

Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

The Tower That Topped

Shalom children! Do you remember how many people were saved on the ark? Well there was Noah and his wife (**place Noah and his wife on board**), and their 3 sons Shem, Ham, Yepheth and their wives. (**Place all couples on board.**) Of course, there were also the 7 pairs of each kind of clean animal and 1 pair of each kind of unclean animal, too. (**Place clean and unclean animals on board.**)

After the flood, Noah's children began having children, and their children had children, and so on. They all spoke the same language and got along most of the time, as all families need to do. As families grew bigger and bigger, they had to keep moving further and further out. Some of the families ended up in a place called Shinar. (**Remove animals and place Plain of Shinar and group of people on board away from Noah and family.**)

They thought that Shinar would be a great place to live, because the area was flat. They worked together to make bricks from the clay to build their houses. (**Place bricks on board.**) Then they had an idea. They said to each other, "Why don't we build a city and a great tower out of the bricks? We could make a tower that reaches all the way to the heavens. We could make a name for ourselves. We will be famous for our great tower. People will see it for miles around and everyone will hear about it and want to come and see our great tower." (**Place person with thought bubble of Tower of Babel on board.**)

So they all worked together day after day, making bricks and cementing them together to make a great tower. It took a lot of planning, a lot of work and a lot of time, but they didn't care, because they knew that when they were finally finished everyone would see how great they were. (**Place Tower of Babel on board.**)

Then one day Yahweh came down to see this city and tower. He was very sad and angry. (**Place sad and angry emojis on board.**) They weren't building this tower for Him. They were building it to make themselves look good. They weren't thinking about Yahweh and what He wanted them to do, they were just thinking about themselves, and how they could make themselves happy. Sounds a little like Adam and Hawwah in the Garden of Eden, doesn't it?



Yahweh decided to stop them right then and there, and teach them a lesson. He could have knocked down their tower, but He didn't. Instead He changed their languages. **(Remove all people from board and replace with people not understanding each other on board.)**

All of a sudden, each one started speaking in a language that the next person couldn't understand. Now you know how difficult it is to talk to someone who doesn't speak your language. Just think how difficult it would be to build a tower when everyone spoke a different language! It was so confusing that they stopped building the tower and started moving away from each other. When they found others who spoke the same language, they began forming their own settlements, which eventually grew into countries. And that is why we have so many different languages today. **(Remove people not understanding each other from board and replace with children of different nationalities.)**

We can see that choosing to disobey Yahweh does bring the curses, doesn't it? Can you imagine how different our world would be if we all obeyed Yahweh, and if we all spoke the same language? We sure have had a lot of stories showing us over and over what happens to those who disobey our Creator. I wonder if anyone will obey Yahweh... I guess we'll have to find out in our next stories.

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!

